

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
STATESVILLE DIVISION  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:17-CV-00206-GCM**

**CARMAN D. ROGERS,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**NANCY A. BERRYHILL,**

**Defendants.**

**ORDER**

**THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE COURT** on Plaintiff's Consent Motion for Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(1)(A) and Costs filed on August 24, 2018. Having reviewed the Motion, supporting materials, memorandum in support, and the case file the Court determines that Plaintiff should be awarded attorney's fee under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), in the amount of \$4,800.00.

**IT IS ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(1)(A) is **GRANTED**. The Court will award attorney's fees in the amount of \$4,800.00. Pursuant to *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), the fee award will first be subject to offset of any debt Plaintiff may owe to the United States. The Commissioner will determine whether Plaintiff owes a debt to the United States. If so, the debt will be satisfied first, and if any funds remain, they will be made payable to Plaintiff and mailed to Plaintiff's counsel. If the United States Department of the Treasury reports to the Commissioner that the Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, the government will exercise its discretion and honor an assignment of EAJA fees and pay the awarded fees directly to Plaintiff's counsel. No additional petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) shall be filed.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Plaintiff shall be awarded \$150.00 in costs pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412(a)(1).

**SO ORDERED.**

Signed: October 11, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Graham C. Mullen", written over a horizontal line.

Graham C. Mullen  
United States District Judge

